***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All Following His Baptism, Jesus is *"led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *"by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *"have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many"* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *"leads to justification and life for all men"* (Rom. 5:18).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies **Duet**: Lynette Thies, John Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Flowers: Danielle Creese
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
Acolytes: Lydia, Leah

Wednesday Acolytes:
Next Sunday Acolytes:

Those Serving in March

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Lyle & Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm, Becky Mordhorst

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
	5:30 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
	5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
	6:30 p.m. - Memory Work
	7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be March 8, 2026
2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

2026	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$172,954.26	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 1-31-2026	$6,551.37	$ 85.00	$0
Still Needed	$166,402.89	$3,915.00	$3,000.00

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #424
"O Christ, You Walked the Road"
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.167**
Δ**Introit.....**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.168**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.172**
Readings.....
Old: Genesis 3:1-21
Epistle: Romans 5:12-19
Duet: 'Come Walk with Me'
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11
Children's Message
Hymn..... #718
"Jesus, Lead Thou On"
Sermon "Follow My Lead"
Matthew 4:1-11
Δ**Apostles' Creed** **p.175**
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Δ **Offertory..... p.176**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.175**
Lord's Prayer..... p.179
Δ**Benediction p.183**
Δ**Hymn..... #656**
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "Micah"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SUPPER: We need volunteers to provide Lenten suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday starting February 25th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

CATECHISM: During the Lenten season catechism class times will change to:

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades
6:30 p.m. – Memory Work/supper

LCW: LCW meeting is Thursday, March 5h at 5:30 p.m. in the LYF room.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF meeting after church on March 15th. LYF Bible Study is Sunday, March 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lenten devotion "*Behold Your King*" is available to pick up at both doors.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is $3,000. "The message of Jesus' transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That's what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask." *Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be posted on our church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR: This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

"THY STRONG WORD": Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

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First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

Matthew 4:1-11

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